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Christmas Message

MAYOR
OF
ST. ALBERT

Ray Gibbon



The year 1968 brought solutions to many problems which our town faced.

Due to fine budget control, the future of St. Albert appears very promising. Several new developments are planned and I look forward to serving as the mayor of an affluent and thriving town in 1969.

On behalf of the council and myself, I wish to extend season's greetings to each and every citizen of St. Albert. May the New Year bring us all peace and prosperity.

MacEwan to hold Levee

The Honourable Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, will hold his New Year Levee on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 1969 in the Legislative Chambers.

Officers of the Armed Services and R.C.M.P. will be received from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Commencing at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until 3 o'clock, gentlemen of the general public who may wish to attend, will be received.

His Honour has invited the Honourable H. E. Storn, Premier of Alberta, the Honourable Chief Justice S. Bruce Smith and Dr. Walter Johns, President of the University of Alberta, to receive with him at his Levee.



... and there were shepherds in the field ... Students from all grades participated in the Christmas Pageant held at Father Lacombe School.

Most shops closed for Christmas, New Year's

Most St. Albert business establishments will fold up their tents at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Christmas Eve, and remain closed over Christmas and Boxing Day.

And nearly all will be closed New Year's Day. St. Albert Pharmacy will be closed all day Wednesday but will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Boxing Day. It will be closed New Year's Day.

Tamblyn's Drug Store will be closed Christmas Day but will follow its regular holiday hours, 1 to 5 p.m., on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The Post Office will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and also

New Year's Day. No service of any kind will be provided.

Safeway and other businesses in the shopping centre will close down at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and remain closed Wednesday and Thursday. They will also be closed New Year's Day.

There will be no milk or bread deliveries on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

Banks will also be closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1. The Bruin Inn will quit serving at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day, resuming normal hours Boxing Day. It will maintain normal hours on New Year's Eve

but be closed New Year's Day.

Two service stations, Roger's Esso, 7 Muir Drive and Grandin Esso, Ball Avenue and St. Albert Trail, will be open 24 hours a day over both the Christmas and New Year holidays.

During the school Christmas holidays the rinks will be open every week-day for public skating from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, they will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Boxing Day from 12:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 29th, from 12:30 to 9:30 p.m.



... and a toboggan, and a road race set, and a puppy, and a hockey stick, and skates ... Kane and Kerry Russell have a heart to heart talk with Santa when he stopped off at the Grandin Shoppers' Park last Saturday. Santa's helper is Karen Hutchings.

Christmas Message

PREMIER OF ALBERTA

I sincerely appreciate this opportunity, my first as Premier of Alberta, to extend on behalf of the Government sincere and hearty Christmas greetings to each and every citizen of this Province.

Once again the day has come when we pause amid the rush and turmoil of life, to commemorate the most important event of all time. That event was the miraculous birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. None can deny that this holy event has influenced the course of humanity more than any other in the long history of mankind.

The Christ Child came for the express purpose of recovering men from the cause and the consequences of man's inhumanity to man. There can be no true observance of Christmas unless this fact is recognized. No words of men can improve on the message voiced by the heavenly choirs when they heralded the birth of the Prince of Peace on the world's first Christmas Eve. They sang, "Peace on earth, good will towards men" and their song has echoed and re-echoed in the hearts of men throughout the world ever since.

Even though the fulfillment of that ancient promise of

Christmas may seem beyond our present reach, its ultimate realization is assured to all who recognize that peace on earth and good will among men are bound inseparably with an unfailing allegiance to Him and to the practical daily application of the Christian way of life.

The past year has been marked by far-reaching world developments which have given even greater magnitude and added importance to the age-old problem of human relationships as between men and nations.

As we celebrate this Christmas with all the joy and wholesome happiness we can command, we should not forget that we live our "tomorrows" and celebrate our future Christmases in a world that will be what we ourselves make it.

In our keeping of Christmas, let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves, the stranger in our midst, the homeless and friendless, the sick and afflicted, and all who are in



Harry Storn,
Premier of Alberta.

need of understanding and a helping hand.

May all of you, in your homes, enjoy a blessed and joyful Christmas with your loved ones and your friends, and may I, personally, and on behalf of your Government, wish for each of you the best and happiest festive season you have ever known.

The Gazette Staff on Holidays

There will not be an issue of The Gazette next week. Publication is being held in order to give the staff time off for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

We will be back on regular schedule the first week in January.

The management and staff take this opportunity to wish our readers all the joys of Christmas and happiness and health in 1969.

Merry
Christmas

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*MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!*

Crackdown planned on roaming dogs

There have been several cases of dogs being poisoned recently in St. Albert, reports Mrs. Annemarie Elkins, local pet patrol officer.

She warns residents not to let their pets roam at large. Mrs. Elkins said the poisonings occurred in the Sturgeon area but added that there had been some reports in Grandin during the summer.

She said she had also had several calls recently from Grandin area residents threatening to shoot dogs roaming at large, as they were damaging trees and shrubs in many yards.

"When winter comes, many people think they can let their dogs run free," Mrs. Elkins said. "They think they don't do any damage in the winter. Actually, they can do as much in the winter as they do in the summer."

Mrs. Elkins, who dislikes the name dogcatcher, does not turn many dogs over to the pound as she prefers to take them back to their owners. From now on, however, besides getting their pets back, owners will also be handed a ticket which will cost them \$10.

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Christmas Message

HONOURABLE GRANT MACEWAN

As we approach the holiday, may I extend warmest Christmas wishes to all. I hope good health will prevail, and good appetites, and good will. There will be homecomings and family reunions and music and laughter.

I would like to think that this Christmas could find us one year nearer that goal of Peace on Earth. The day-to-day news about unrest and protests and riots and violence does very little to reassure those who long for a more peaceful world community. People of good will must feel discouraged at times, wondering if Peace on Earth will ever be achieved. Perhaps they should ask themselves exactly what they mean by Peace on Earth and having defined it to their satisfaction, work at it a bit harder.

Commonly, people think of Peace on Earth as simply silencing the guns of war



Grant MacEwan
Lieutenant-Governor

aimed at fellow humans, but I wonder if it should not mean more than that. I like to think of Peace on Earth as the attainment of a complete harmony between humans and all the segments of Nature's community.

Peace on Earth should mean Peace On Earth -- not

just peace between man and his human neighbours while mankind is at war with Nature.

If we want understanding and peace between the nations, it may be that we should begin by cultivating a philosophy of peace with

all the creatures and creations in Nature's wonderful world.

It may sound a little like that great citizen of the world, the late Dr. Albert Schweitzer. If so, that is the way I would want it to sound.

Anyway, a Merry Christmas to all.



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for the
coming year.

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groceries by mail

A new Montreal super-market (probably the first of its kind, says Canadian Grocer) has successfully adopted the department store mail-order-catalog technique of merchandising.

Anyone in Greater Montreal can phone the Home Supermarket mail-order food shopping service and get its free 58-page catalog currently listing over 1,200 brand name non-perishables from cans, soft drinks, cereals, condiments, jams and jellies to confectionery, cleaners, paper products, soaps and beauty aids, plus a list of some 30 "features of the month."

Every catalog item is numbered. The housewife simply indicates the required

quantity next to each brand, puts the order in the postage-paid envelope which comes with each catalog, writes the day of the week and time of day she wants her order delivered C.O.D. on the back of the envelope and mails it. There is no minimum order, delivery is free, and a new catalog updated every six or eight weeks comes with each order. Frozen foods, meats and cheeses are being added. Prices are about 10 percent lower than chains, with an additional five per cent off for case purchases, except monthly specials. Delivery men collect empties and pay a cash refund, and on request will unpack orders.



The four year olds of the St. Albert Creative School's Nursery class presented a delightful Christmas program at the Arts Centre, Thursday morning. There were shepherds, wise men and even Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

Distemper cases increased in 1968

Anyone buying a dog as a Christmas gift for children should take it to a veterinarian for distemper shots immediately.

"It's been a very bad year for distemper," says Mrs. Annemarie Elkins, St. Albert pet control officer. "Veterinarians report there are many more cases this year."

Mrs. Elkins says dogs should be given their shots as pups.

"People needn't think they are going to save money by not getting them their shots," she says, "as chances are the dogs will get sick and if they care about them, they will cost them money anyway."

Mrs. Elkins says a lot of people who get dogs from the SPCA are not doing them any favor by giving them a home as they are not prepared for the responsibility that goes with owning a pet.

"Quite often father will

get a pet for the children, not realizing the work it will make for mother," Mrs. Elkins says, adding that quite often the dogs are returned to the SPCA after the people find out how much time can be spent cleaning up messes.

She said people thinking of getting a dog should give it a lot of thought. She said they shouldn't get one if they don't have a fence, because it ruins a dog to be tied up all the time.

Mrs. Elkins, who is taking her case for pet education to the schools, says

anyone who wants advice can phone her at 599-6788. She will run obedience classes in January.

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The 75 member choir of Central Pentecostal Tabernacle presented the Christmas Cantata "Love Transcending" Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Highlight of the program was this 25 foot "Singing Christmas Tree".

Hazards to health

PART TWO OF A SERIES

by Dr. J. M. Howell,
Medical Officer of Health,
Sturgeon Health Unit.

What can the younger middle-aged woman do to combat the risks to health that all of us face?

According to Dr. Louis C. Robbins, of George Washington School of Medicine, the average woman of 40 has a 351 in 100,000 chance of dying of breast cancer in the next ten years. If her mother or sister had this disease the risk rises to 526. Risk-reducing methods include monthly self-examination and annual check-ups.

The next two commonest risks are heart disease (297) and stroke (200) and weight reduction is the risk-reducing factor appropriate for both.

Then comes cancer of the womb and cervix (181). Annual smears reduce this risk by 4/5 to 36. Cancer of the colon (109) is doubled in importance if there is a family history of this disease (214) but annual examination brings the risk back to 109.

Next we note motor vehicle accidents at 103 for an average annual mileage; always wearing seatbelts halves this figure (52).

Dr. Robbins has shown with this example how, even for a woman with a multitude of factors operating against her, the total risk

of dying can be brought down from 3020 (the average for this age) to 2533, an improvement of one quarter.

This may be the preventive medicine of the future: personal medicine practised on the basis of probability, the theory being that the earlier disease is anticipated, the better the outlook for useful survival. At the moment most people only

consult their doctor when some crisis forces them to do so; in the future we can predict individually planned and supervised health programmes from the cradle to the grave. Much of the work can be done by specially trained nurses or even by automated technology and computers, so that expense or doctor shortage need not be unsurmountable.

It takes a lot to keep ahead

It now costs 26% more to finance the average family's living expenditures than it did in 1960. The Financial Post points out. Weekly wages and salaries in industry as a whole have risen by an average of 44% since 1960. Dollar incomes per household have jumped ahead to average \$9,427 in 1968 - almost 52% more than in 1960. These broad measures of change make it clear, statistically that Canadian families have never had it so good. But caught between steadily rising taxes and steadily eroding purchasing power, many families have good reason to wonder if they are really much better off than at the beginning of the decade - or even as well off as a few years ago.

The Financial Post comments that with federal, provincial and municipal taxes taking a bite three

times bigger than higher product prices, the need for restraint in government spending is obvious.

*Merry
Christmas*
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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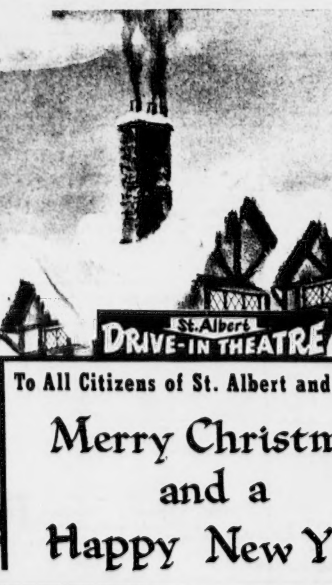
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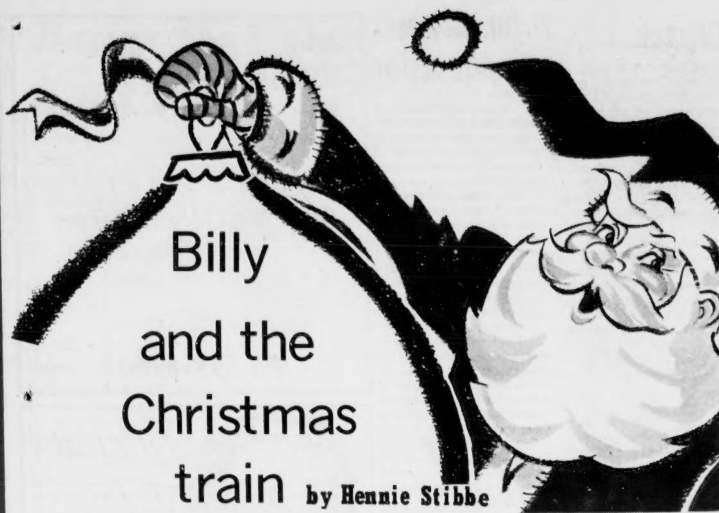




**ST. ALBERT'S
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*Holiday
Cheer*



For weeks now Billy had had his heart set on the train in Drucker's store window. It was not an ordinary train, no sirree! This train, as any one could see, was something special.

To begin with, it had a real bell, A shiny bell with a string on it. It made the nicest sound when you pulled it. Billy had tried it, with Mr. Drucker's permission, of course.

Mr. Drucker said it was the only train of its kind. The engine looked so strong. It was very shiny, and as Billy stood looking at it, his nose pressed against the store window, as he did every day after school, he could just see himself, upstairs in his own room, polishing that engine!

The engine pulled three freight cars, with doors that really opened, four passenger coaches, with red seats, and a caboose. A bright orange caboose, with a little man in striped coveralls, standing at the window.

Billy was big enough to know that not just any boy would get a super train like that. Santa would surely pick some one very special to give that train to. And Billy was trying to be very special, just as hard as any six-year-old boy possibly could.

For a whole week now he had polished his own shoes, made his bed, well, tried to, anyway, and carried out the garbage. He had said "Good-night!" without any arguments the minute father put the evening paper down and looked at his watch. Yep, Billy sure wanted that train, all right.

Mr. Drucker came out of his store. "Hi, Billy," he said. "Keeping an eye on that train for me?" "Hello, Mr. Drucker," said Billy. "Tomorrow we get school holidays." "I know," said Mr. Drucker, "and to celebrate the occasion, Santa is going to pay a special visit to my store, and he has invited all children to come and meet him."

Billy's cheeks turned a rosy-red with excitement. "Really, Mr. Drucker? Oh, boy, that's great! I'll go and tell all the kids, I'll even ask Miss Morris to announce it over the microphone at school tomorrow," and away went Billy, running and sliding through the snow.

The next afternoon, a long row of boys and girls lined up in front of Mr. Drucker's store. Santa was seated in the window, in a big, red chair. A friendly lady came around and passed out candy canes for the children to munch on, while they waited their turn.

Standing in front of Billy was Sarah-Jane. She was in grade three already, but she sometimes said, "Hello" to Billy, when she met him at school. Sarah-Jane had a younger brother, Joey, who was in Billy's class.

Joey did not have a bike, or a football or even a baseball bat. Come to think of it, Joey did not have much of anything. Billy sometimes heard his mom talking to the other ladies from church, about sending some clothes or vegetables over to Joey's house.

There were only three kids ahead of Billy now and then he'd be able to tell Santa his fondest wish! Last night he couldn't get to sleep. He had just sat up in bed, practicing what he'd say to Santa. He was going to be very polite and tell Santa in a clear voice what good, very good, care he would take of that train, should he find it under the tree, Christmas morning . . .

Now there was just Sarah-Jane ahead of Billy. "Ho, ho, ho, and who have we here," Santa said. "You look like a little girl who is about to ask me for a doll and some doll clothes." "I'm Sarah-Jane," Joey's sister said. "If it's all right, I was going to ask you for that train in the window." "A train? A train for a girl?"

Santa said. "It's for my little brother, Joey," Sarah-Jane said. "I can see that it is a very special train, so I thought if you would bring it to our house, Joey would be

so happy, and I wouldn't have to have anything for myself."

Billy listened with a pounding heart. Sarah-Jane would rather have a train for Joey than a doll for herself? What would Santa do? And what about him, Billy . . . Mr. Drucker had said there was only one train like it!

As Billy looked at Santa's kind face and Sarah-Jane, standing there, he suddenly remembered last Sunday evening.

He had gone down to church and sat between mother and father and listened to pastor Ingram tell the story of the Christ Child. How He had come to earth to love all children. On the way home dad had talked to him about the meaning of Christmas and said that Billy should love all his friends . . .

"Well, little fellow, tell Santa what you would like him to bring you, this Christmas," the kindly voice asked. Billy looked up. Sarah-Jane was gone and Santa was speaking to him. All Billy could think of was the train . . . and Sarah-Jane and Joey.

"I would like the prettiest doll in the whole world," whispered Billy, "for her," and he pointed to the door through which Sarah-Jane was just leaving.

Santa looked at Billy and, without saying a word, patted the top of his small head.

Billy went home through the snow. He noticed how brightly the stars were shining, and Billy felt warm and happy.

That Christmas Eve, Santa wrapped three very special parcels . . . a doll, with clothes, for Sarah-Jane, and yes, two trains, just like the one in Drucker's store window. One for Joey and one for Billy!

That year, Santa had a very merry Christmas!

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Of all the seasons of the
year, there is none more
fascinating than Christmas.

There is a peculiar, al-
most paradoxical quality
about our 20th century ob-
servance of Christmas: we
are worried by it, yet res-
ted; we are disturbed by it,
yet delighted; we are criti-
cal of its commerce and
crowds, yet captivated by
its carols and color.

Moreover, like the ancient
wisemen, we are willing to
travel great distances until
our hearts are at home; we
are willing to overcome
great obstacles for the sat-
isfaction of presenting gifts
to our loved ones; we are
willing to be reverent and
worship, even though we
have been proud, callous,
and sometimes anything but
religious during the rest of
the year.

You see, there is an ir-
resistible "something" about
Christmas that attracts,
captivates and fascinates us.
I would like to call that
"something" charm!

The Magi felt the charm
of that first Christmas.
When they saw the star they
rejoiced exceedingly with
great joy.

The shepherds felt the

charm of that first Christ-
mas too. And the shepherds
returned glorifying and
praising God for all they
had heard and seen.

Simson, the aged Jew in
the temple, felt the charm
of that first Christmas, and
he, beholding the Christ -
child said, "Lord, now let
thy servant depart in peace
... for mine eyes have
seen thy salvation."

And of course, Mary felt
the charm of that first
Christmas; "she kept all
these things, and pondered
them in her heart."

It is my sincere wish that
you too may experience the
wonder, the CHARM, of this
joyous Christian Festival!

Leonard J. Musto,
United Church.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On Christmas, the fever-
ish excitement of the season
has reached its climax. With
a sense of relief from all
the preparations and pre-
celebrations, we turn aside
to the peace of Christmas.

Christmas is all about
Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
and one of His names is
"Prince of Peace." The
Bible says: "He is our
Peace." The World is blind-
ly groping for peace. Na-
tions compete with great
stockpiles of weapons to
preserve a peace which is no
peace at all.

If men have so little suc-
cess in maintaining peace on
earth, how can they estab-
lish and preserve the greater
peace with God? In this re-
spect the resources of man
are nil. Man by nature does
not even seek peace with God.

Our age reveals the trend
away from God, a trend
which cannot be covered up
by the once-a-year Christ-
mas enthusiasm. Our peace
with God should be our aim
as it is the aim of God who
says: "I know the thoughts
that I think toward you ...
thoughts of peace and not
of evil."

God has promised and God
has sent at that first Christ-
mas the one who is the
"Prince of Peace." We
have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

The cost of our peace was
high. To win our peace with
God, Jesus Christ went from
the manger of Bethlehem to
the cross of Calvary. The
Prophet Isaiah, who foretold
the Birth of Christ, also
wrote: "All we like sheep
have gone astray, we have
turned everyone to his own
way; and the Lord hath laid
on Him (Jesus) the iniquity
of us all."

Christmas can be cele-
brated appropriately only
with a deep sense of grati-
tude toward God "who sends
all men to be saved and to
come unto the knowledge of
the truth."

This year as in years

Braeside Presbyterian

There is something in the
air around Christmas time
when you have small child-
ren. The air is bristling
with excitement. There is
the joyful looking forward
to Christmas.

But, most parents will
observe that along with this
there is a great deal of ten-
sion. Our children get all
keyed up. "Only 10 more
days," we will hear them
say, "only one more week."
One of our boys says that
Dec. 24th is the longest day
in the year.

This joyful, yet anxious
expectation, was there be-
fore the first Christmas, too.
For decades the people of
Israel looked forward to the
coming of the son of God to
the world.

To them it seemed a very
long time. Each year, at
their festivals they wonder-
ed, "Is this the year He
will come?"

But the years came and
went, and He still had not
come. Some began to think
that it was all wishful think-
ing, that He would never
come. Then it happened and
the beautiful Christmas
story unfolds.

Mary is told she will be
the mother of the son of
God. Then we have the story
of the journey to Bethlehem
for the census.

Finding no room in an inn
because of the overflow
crowds, Mary was forced to
accept the only shelter
available, a stable.

There the son of God was
born. To the shepherds and
to the wisemen the good news
is given, and they journeyed
to Bethlehem to worship at
his manger. He had come -
joy to the world.

Since that day every year
we remember this wonder-
ful occasion of the coming
of Jesus. In some homes,
unfortunately, his presence
will not be acknowledged,
or will be obscured.

But for countless others
God's gift will be remem-
bered, as many take time to
go to church to thank God
for his gift.

No ear may hear his com-
ing.

But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will
receive Him, still

The dear Christ enters
in.

May you have a Merry
Christmas.

Wilfred D. Jarvis

before, in this season as in
all seasons the Prince of
Peace seeks to come into
the hearts and homes and
lives of each of us. Let us
remember, the peace He
brings is the peace that
rests on His blood-bought
forgiveness, that "peace
which the world cannot give"
that "peace which passeth
all understanding."

May God keep us from
turning our hearts and
homes into a modern Beth-
lehem, which has no room,
no thought and no time for
Him.

We all can have a happy
and a joyous Christmas this
year if Christ is our "Prince
of Peace," and if His peace
is in our heart.

E. Klaszus,

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iday. Merry Christmas, one and all!

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Boxing Club plans heavyweight card

The St. Albert Boxing Club match to headline its next hopes to have a heavyweight card in the Community League Hall on Jan. 11.



A Yuletide wish winging your way brings only the best of the holiday: lots of laughter, songs to keep you gay.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

St. Albert Barber Shop
Downtown

Brian Jelley, club instructor, is attempting to line up a fight between Adrian Hobart, 180 pounds, and Mike Woodward, who weighs in about 205.

Hobart once held the amateur light heavyweight title of Britain and Woodward once held the Canadian Armed Forces heavyweight championship. Hobart is at present studying medicine at the University of Alberta and Woodward is the trainer of the Fort McMurray Boxing Club.

If the fight comes off, and Jelley is confident it will, there will be five two-minute rounds.

St. Albert boxers will round out the 12-match card, meeting fighters from Red Deer, Fort McMurray, Breton and the South Side Legion Club in Edmonton.

Kinsmen News

Monday evening, Dec. 16, the Kinsmen played hosts to their wives as they celebrated their annual Ladies Night. The ladies received corsages and many lovely gifts. Following dinner everyone was treated to an interesting, informative and candid talk by Jackson Willis.

Later in the evening special tribute was paid to Ross and Stella Macfarlane and Charlie and Betty Ward, who are leaving St. Albert. The Macfarlanes will be making their new home in Vancouver and the Wards will be residing in Edson. Both couples were active members and will be missed by the Kinsmen and by their many friends in St. Albert.

Jelley will headline fight card

Seven St. Albert boxers will match fists and wits with members of the Fort McMurray Boxing Club on a card there Jan. 4. Paul Jelley of St. Albert will fight in the main event, meeting Ken Hicks in a 125-pound division scrap.

Wedding

DESPINS and NICHOLSON

A lovely afternoon wedding was solemnized Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Victories Church in Vimy when Linda Loretta, daughter of Mr. Hendrick Despina of Vimy exchanged marriage vows with Michael Dale, son of Mrs. Gladys Nicholson of Edmonton.

Rev. A. Desjardins performed the double ring ceremony and Mrs. G. Provencal played the wedding music. The radiant bride entering the church on the arm of her father wore a floor-

length gown of rayon taffeta and lace. The fitted bodice

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was enhanced by a cathedral train flowing from the shoulders. Lace appliques accented the simplicity skirt and the edges of the train.

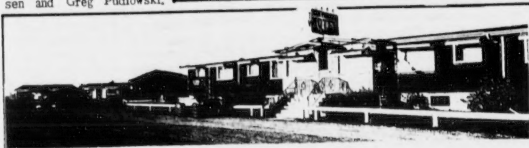


Merry Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

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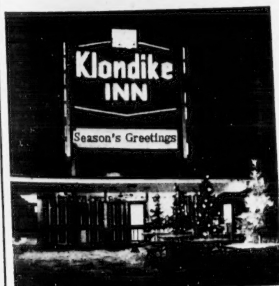


Season's Greetings

The light of a bright and happy Christmas shines for you and your loved ones, surrounding you with every happiness the holiday can bring.

Thank you residents of St. Albert for your support over the past year.

Kinsmen Club of St. Albert



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TED and KARL



HARK
and the
Best Season's
Greetings to
one and all

COUNCIL AND STAFF

OF THE TOWN

OF ST. ALBERT

WISH ALL THE CITIZENS

A VERY

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

Message Mayor of Legal

We can look back on a good year for Legal in 1966. Our water reservoir is completed and ready to come into service next spring. The full co-operation of the council of the M. D. of Sturgeon on this project was most helpful and appreciated.

The year also saw the completion of our curb and gutter and sidewalk program, which makes our village a cleaner and more pleasant place in which to live. Fete au Village 1966 passed all expectations to become our biggest ever summer festival. The tremendous success of this community project was the result of many of our residents working together and combining their various ideas, talents and abilities.

Along with other communities across Canada, our village has enjoyed a host of blessings in 1966 and can look forward with hope and confidence to the new year ahead. As we celebrate the happy Christmas season with our families and friends, let us also remember all those whom our Lord Jesus would wish us to: The poor, the lonely, and the shut-ins among us. And in other lands who are at war, those who are hungry and living not in freedom, but in fear.

On behalf of council and myself I wish each of you a joyful Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year.

Leon St. Martin,
Mayor of Legal.

Legal Couple Wed 25 years

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Rivard of Legal celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents recently.

The evening started by the celebration of the Holy Mass with Father Martineau officiating before an altar banked with flowers topped with novelty silver 25 for the special occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivard were accompanied by their same bridesmaid Mrs. Marguerite Benoit from Vegreville. Their best man Mr. L. Lemarche couldn't attend because of illness so Mr. Camille Benoit accompanied his wife.

Mrs. Leo Maurier, Mrs. Allan Kean, Mrs. Leon Prefontaine, Mrs. Roland Demers, Mrs. Walter Van de Walle and Mrs. Lucien Montpetit sang, accompanied at the organ by Rachel St. Martin.

Some 300 guests gathered at the Community Centre

for refreshments and a dance.

Beside the guestbook stood a silver "Family Tree" with pictures of the Rivard and Pelletier families dating back to the 1940's.

While Mrs. Rivard changed from a purple two-piece knit suit trimmed with white fur to a light blue sleeveless crepe dress trimmed with mariboo, complimented with a corsage of red roses, with matching silver accessories, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stapleton surprised the guests when they walked in the hall to the music of "Here Comes The Bride," with Mrs. Stapleton wearing Mrs. Rivard's original wedding gown including veil and bouquet, that brought back many memories.

Following the social evening a delicious supper was served. Seated at the head table was the guests of honour, Mr. and Mrs.

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Her shoulder length veil of silk illusion was held in place by a white rose. The bride carried red roses on a white bible with rosebud streamers.

The bridesmaids were Misses Sharon Despins and Linda Miller. They looked charming wearing floor length gowns of gold chiffon and carried bouquets of pink carnations.

The flower girls, Misses Lorianne Pearl and Charmaine Buchanan wore short yellow nylon frocks and carried pink and white carnations. Master Laurie Rose was the ring bearer.

The groom's mother chose a straight cut dress of royal blue complimented by a lace overdress and a corsage of roses.

Benoit and their five lovely children. The head table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake topped with a novelty silver 25 and featured silver leaves and blue flowers. Mr. Walter Van de Walle, master of ceremonies, called upon their eldest son Raymond to read the address, then their son-in-law Patrick Keane presented the couple with a

Legal Locals

Meilleurs Souhaits de Noel et pulse le Direin Enfant Jesus vous comble de plaisir et de joie durant la nouvelle annee.

Merry Christmas to all our readers and all the joys and blessings of this Holy

Following the ceremony a reception and banquet was held at the community hall. The bridal table was centred by a three-tiered wedding cake flanked by white tapers and baskets of mums and gladioli.

The master of ceremonies was Mr. Norman Buchanan and Mr. Gus Despins proposed the toast to the bride. A wedding dance terminated the happy day.

"Night at the Chateau Lacombe" gift from the children followed by the presentation of a purse on behalf of everyone attending by Norman, another of the Rivard family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivard both replied and thanked everyone for attending and especially their children for organizing such a lovely evening for their Silver Anniversary.

Season for you and your loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mahe returned Thursday from a trip to Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chauvet are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Paulette. Proud godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Gagne from Vimy.

The annual School Christmas

mas Concert was held in the school auditorium Dec. 19. The auditorium was well decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, silver bells and seasons greetings. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Norman Rivard.

The packed auditorium applauded the efforts of the pupils who displayed their talents and the teachers who guided them.

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
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Dave's
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A Prayer For Christmas

This Christmas, when we again pay homage to the Prince of Peace, let us pray that the true spirit of the Season remain in the hearts of men long after this joyous Holiday. Let us pray that the blessings of peace pervade the earth, that men and nations might build and grow to live side by side in harmony and sympathy. Let us beseech Him to give courage, strength and wisdom to our spiritual and governmental leaders in their efforts to bring unity and understanding to all peoples in all lands.

ERNIE JAMISON AND STAFF
The Gazette

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas story reads simply - but the anticipation runs high!

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the Angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. . . . And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men."

Luke 2:8-14

The times were dark and most discouraging! As stated by the Prophet of old: "the people walked in darkness, in the shadow of death." Man had pretty well gone his own way! For over 300 years there was silence not a single word or message from God!

Into this darkness God came! In His love for man, lost in the maze and futility of his own doing, God planted an ordinary star. Its radiance pointed like a great finger to a lean-to off a Bethlehem street. Cradled there in some straw lay the greatest miracle that this world has ever known - God come in human flesh!

From this make-shift pulpit there came a Message: "For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!" - that set the very heavens aglow with song, and directed men to blazing trails back to God again.

In this scientific orientated age, when man has probed the depths of the earth, the oceans, and now turning with accelerated attention to space and outer space, Christmas should take on a

new and vital significance. Surely as we glimpse into the Heavens through the windows of Christmas, or any other historical event, we should be drawn away from simply the earthly and the mundane, to a new and glorious comprehension and experience of Almighty God both in His immensity and in His immanence.

It is the God of creation and the universe who comes to us in the warm and breathing form of a babe in Bethlehem - Jesus Christ!

On Dec. 21 man will have reached the ultimate in scientific advance when three astronauts (Adams, Lovell, and Borman) will be launched on an expedition around the moon. This means that the eyes of the entire world the day before Christmas will be fixed on the heavens, and pictures will be sent back in color to be seen either on Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day.

We look forward to the announcement and news which will be beamed to earth by these astronauts, giving us a first-hand report of another vast and important planet. Yet, how much more significant, and vital is the headline of God coming to earth on that first Christmas, news which has brought Peace and Happiness to thousands since!

Standing at this vantage point in history, when the eyes of the world will again be peering into the heavens does it not have a strong eschatological and prophetic meaning? On the one hand man has ascended the escalator of science and has reached the apex of achievement, while on the other hand he is deathly afraid of the trap he has created, and as Dag Hammarskjöld stated shortly before he died: "Never have we tried so hard, and yet have failed so miserably!" to achieve Peace and Good Will.

A peculiar sense and saturation of darkness seems to be enveloping the entire earth, penetrating itself into the very hearts of men,

bringing with it every conceivable sickness personally, nationally, and internationally. Can it be that God is again allowing man to come to the end of himself, and then as the "prodigal son" after he has spent all, God will be able to speak to him, restoring humanity back to sanity, meaningful life and living? Hasn't it always been: "man's opportunity becomes God's opportunity?"

A leading British scientist Sir Bernard Lovell, director of England's Jodrell Bank Observatory, has criticized the Apollo VIII flight, saying that while it will be "a great adventure it will have little scientific value!"

I, for one, disagree. When Mayor Anders was being interviewed at Cape Kennedy recently he said of the flight: "Keep in mind that this will be for us the first eye-ball connected to a brain connected to either an arm that can write or a tongue that can speak in this part of our solar system."

Yes, the Communists have not hesitated, even from the very first, to use their flights into outer space to support their atheism and repudiation of God. Let us hope and pray that through

his achievement we may come to an ever - expanding knowledge and experience of faith, such as that of the Angels and the Shepherds, telling everyone of what they had seen and heard.

My friend, through the Christmas Message, climb into the capsule of faith, take this flight into the unknown, soar into the vast expanses and mysteries of God come to earth in the person and power of Jesus Christ, and humbly let the Spirit of God grip your heart and through the Babe of

Bethlehem give you and your home a new lease on life and living!

A most Happy and complete Christmas to one and all!

Pastor Ray Olson

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and

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from the MANAGEMENT and STAFF

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FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

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FROM PAGE 4

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CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion at 11:30
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Service at 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

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"For unto you is born this day" More than 300 parents and friends packed the gymnasium at Father Lacombe School, Thursday evening, when the students presented the annual Christmas Concert.

Pentecostal Church

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The words of Christ, to one who followed Him one day, give us some insight as to the attitude of people towards Him, as He walked among them. He said "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Lk. 9:58.

In reality our attitude to Christ has changed very little. Everywhere across the nation we soon will be meeting friends and relatives, as we gather for the Christmas festivities. It will be a time of relaxation and warm companionship in our comfortable surroundings. The children's eyes sparkle like the pretty tree lights, while we can relax and just enjoy watching them.

Then their may be some carol singing and it will only seem proper that people should attend Church as a family. This of course, has become a traditional thing, a nationally recognised observance.

Now let us pause and analyse! Why do we do this, year after year? It seems preparations begin just a little earlier every season. In whose honour to we exert all the energy, time, money and effort? Is it for some well-remembered friend? Is it for Santa's sake? (he is appearing everywhere). Who shall we honor in our homes as we gather around tables laden with steaming food and hear the laughter of children? There are so many good things to be grateful for; who shall we be grateful to?

Christ, in His first public sermon, asserted Divine power; At numerous times He said that He was equal with God the Father." I and the Father are one" Jhn10:30. He claimed to be much more than a son born into a humble home. He without reservation claimed to be Deity. To His follower Philip, He once said "Believest thou not that I

am in the Father, and the Father in Me?" Jhn 14:10 Have you any room for such a One at Christmas this year? Some months later as He suffered in anguish, He said "Father forgive them".

Is there a debt of love we owe Him? As he came into the world, there was found no room for Him, at Gadara when he spooked their swine, they said, "depart!" In His own hometown of Nazareth He was just Joseph's son; from north to south, in all of Palestine, "He would not walk in the Jewry" Jhn. 7:1; there was no room for Him.

Either Christ was what He claimed to be, He did for us much more than just coming as a little baby to be cuddled once a year, or He was the greatest impostor that ever lived, to leave such an impact, even on a nation, yes, the whole world!

What will you do with this Jesus who is called the Christ? Have you any room for Him, in your home, in your heart? Only you can answer that question. What will it be?

Rev. H. R. Onishenko
St. Albert Pentecostal Church.

Comets lose at Barrhead

St. Albert Comets lost their opening game in the Sturgeon River Hockey League 3 - 1 to Barrhead on Friday night.

Barrhead jumped into a 2 - 0 lead in the opening period but St. Albert cut the margin to 3 - 2 at the close of the second.

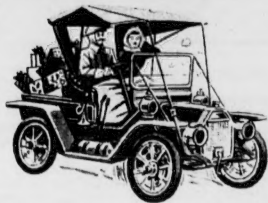
Comets tied it 3 - 3 early in the third but lack of ice time in recent weeks began to tell and Barrhead slammed home three straight goals for the win.

Richie Perreault, Dannie Roberge and Eddie Cunningham scored for Comets.

Comets were to have opened their schedule in Morinville last Sunday but the ice wasn't ready. They tackled Legal in Morinville on Tuesday night but the ice was so poor the game was stopped after the opening period with Legal leading 2 - 1.

Comets had very few practices prior to the league opening as they were unable to obtain ice-time.

They played two exhibition games, losing to Barrhead 3 - 1 and tying Legal 5 - 5.



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Christmas in Distant Lands

by Hennie Stibbe

India



SNEH KAMRA

"Christianity is the third popular religion in India," said Mrs. Sneh Kamra, a grade 3 teacher at Leo Nickerson School. "Since the government is secular, all religious celebrations are left to the beliefs and customs of the people."

There is a strong British influence in India, Mrs. Kamra said. Therefore, Christmas is celebrated by the Christian peoples of India strongly resembles that of the British Isles.

"Christmas comes to India in the best season of the year. Winter in the plains is quite mild, so most of the celebrations for this festive season are held outdoors."

In the big cities, Christmas is celebrated with col-

ored lights, beautifully decorated stores and houses. In rural areas, where there is no electricity, houses are lighted with small earthenware lamps.

Christmas trees are used in the mountain regions, but in the plains, where spruce and pine do not grow, beautiful, vividly colored flowers decorate the churches and homes.

Santa Claus, or "Father Christmas" as he is called, is popular only in certain areas of India. He comes complete with red suit and beard.

Families visit back and forth during the Christmas holidays, cards are sent by some, carols are sung, and presents are exchanged. The custom of "hanging the stockings" is not known in India, Mrs. Kamra said.

Festivities start about a week before Christmas. Children set off fireworks and noise, color and excitement fills the community. In certain areas tribal dances are held until midnight, after which everyone goes to mass.

Christmas dinner is usually a combination of a variety of foods, Mrs. Kamra said. Turkey, potatoes and vegetables share the table with curries and other exotic foods.

New Year's Eve brings house parties and most people await the strike of twelve to greet the New Year.



FOR CHRISTMAS DAY...

*Hope Christmas will be nice for you
In every happy way,
And hope that you enjoy yourself
Each minute of the day!*

The Philippines

"I think the biggest difference between Christmas at home and Christmas here, is the weather," said Miss Zenaida Aratan, a look of apprehension on her pert face.

"Home" is the Philippines, where temperatures are a warm 60 - 70 at Christmas. Miss Aratan is looking forward to her first Canadian Christmas. A teacher-librarian at Sir George Simpson Junior High, she arrived here June 8th.

"In the Philippines we, too, have Christmas trees and decorate our homes with candles and tinsel," she said. Star-shaped bamboo lanterns are hung in the windows, friends are remembered with cards and youngsters hang up their stockings, Christmas Eve. The only things that are missing, are chimneys and snow!

Philippine customs are a mixture of American and Spanish traditions.

Predominantly a Roman Catholic country, families attend midnight mass daily from Dec. 17 to 24.

A typical Christmas dinner includes "lechon" (roast pig), fried rice, egg rolls, exotic native salads and cakes.

Traditional carols are sung in English or Tagalog, the Philippine language. "Christmas is very much a family occasion," Miss Aratan said, adding that family reunions are held, and in her family, the day was usually spent at the home of the grandparents.

"No one goes to sleep on New Year's Eve," Miss Aratan said. The new year arrives accompanied by the loud noise of firecrackers.



ZENAIDA ARATAN

Cars drive around with strings of tin cans tied to the bumpers. "You don't dare leave out your garbage cans. If you do, they'll be taken," smiles Zenaida.

While the young people attend parties New Year's Eve, an old superstition warns they should return home before midnight. "If you're in a different place when the clock strikes twelve, it is believed you'll be away from home for the whole year." Similarly, refrigerators, cupboards and all containers meant to store food should be well stocked when the New Year arrives. "If your cupboards are bare, you'll be poor the whole year."

Zenaida confesses she does not really believe this, though!

Miss Aratan will spend this Christmas with friends and plans to call her family long distance to wish them "Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon."

Africa



ZERA HAMEED

Christmas in Uganda comes in the summer season, with temperatures ranging between 65 and 85 degrees. But because the cotton crop is just ready at that time, the soft, fluffy fibres make for a "white" Christmas.

Mrs. Zera Hameed, a grade one teacher at George Simpson Elementary School, says approximately 1/3 the population of Uganda is Christian. For these people, Christmas is very much a Holy day.

The rich sometimes send cards, but for the average African, life is day-to-day struggle, with little money for luxuries.

The days before Christmas the people are busy marketing their cotton and striving hard to get the highest price.

New clothes are bought for every member of the family for Christmas. To them, this is a must, Mrs. Hameed said. Most have only the one change of clothes and by the time Christmas comes around, the garments have become very tattered.

While ordinarily their diet consists mainly of bread and corn, for Christmas the African will have a sweet dish and rice and meat. Turkeys are unknown here. Tribal dances are very much a part of Christmas festivals. There are no Christmas trees or colored lights.

There is little mention of Christmas in the schools, Mrs. Hameed said. Final examinations are held during the latter part of November and the beginning of December.

Christmas comes during the eight week school holidays. During this time the "East-African Safari" is held, a car rally taking in Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika.

Mrs. Hameed emphasized she can only describe Christmas in her country as an on-looker. A Moslem,

she does not celebrate the birth of Christ.

Sunday, Dec. 22, Moslems the world over celebrated Eid. "To us," Mrs. Hameed said, "Eid is as important as Christmas is to the Christians." Eid was first celebrated in 1388 so that Moslems might learn self restraint. A month-long fast, called Roza, precedes Eid. No food or drink is taken between sun up and sun down each day during this time.

On Eid, the date of which varies from year to year, Moslems go to the Mosque in the morning. Here, special prayers "Namaaz" are said. After this, graves of friends and relatives are visited.

Special Eid cards and presents are exchanged. There is a lot of visiting back and forth on Eid, and everywhere one goes, he is served "Kheer," a sweet dish, Mrs. Hameed said.

At home, a big meal is prepared. This always includes lamb. Chicken and beef is also served, along with rice, vegetables and Roti, a traditional Pakistani bread. The Moslem does not eat pork. Dessert is Savel, a dish of sweetened vermicelli.

New Zealand

Mrs. Betty Ontkean, grade 6 teacher at Sir Alexander MacKenzie School, fondly recalls Christmases spent on sun-soaked beaches. For in Mrs. Ontkean's native New Zealand Christmas sees temperatures of between 70 and 80 degrees.

"Our Christmas is very much fashioned after the English Christmas," said Mrs. Ontkean. "Merchants decorate their shops, many stores have their own Santa Claus and children hang their stockings on Christmas Eve."

New Zealanders exchange Christmas cards, with snow scenes being the perennial favorite.

There are no big spruce trees in New Zealand, Mrs. Ontkean points out, so Christmas trees are not seen as much as here. Many people have just a few decorated branches in their homes.

In spite of the heat, New Zealand women prepare a big Christmas dinner for their families, with roast lamb gracing most tables. In recent years many home makers have turned to serving roast-chicken. Turkey is a rarity. New Zealand exports her best lamb, but butchers usually have some choice lamb available at Christmas.



BETTY ONTKEAN

All the garden vegetables are just ready at Christmas, Mrs. Ontkean said. New potatoes, peas and other fresh produce are served with the dinner. Dessert is always plum pudding.

After dinner families often go to the sea side, where they have their Christmas Tea outdoors.

New Year's Eve sees a lot of visiting back and forth, with few house parties. Young people invariably drive into the rural areas, where, much to the farmers' annoyance, all the gates come off, to "let out the old and bring in the New Year."



FOR ALL THE YEAR...

*Hope the days ahead turn out
The way you want them to.
Each one bringing still more cheer
And happiness to you!*

A little boy who had spent a week at a dude ranch told his mother excitedly, "Mom, I even saw a man who makes horses."

"Are you sure?" asked his mother.

"Yes," he replied. "He had a horse nearly finished when I saw him, and he was just nailing on the feet."

"I'm sick and tired of being left alone every weekend," grumbled the golf widow. "If you think you're going to play today, you've got another think coming."

"Nonsense," replied the husband, reaching for the toast. "Golf is the farthest thing from my mind. Now, would you please pass the putter?"



... and round and round she goes . . . Del Larsen of the St. Albert Hercules Sports Association looks on as Jim Byrne, left, pulls the winning ticket on a transistor radio. The prize went to Mrs. P. Hapchyn, 36 Glenmore Cres.,. Proceeds went towards the purchase of sporting equipment.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From Management and Staff

YOUR MARSHALL WELLS STORE
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Caution urged when buying furs

The thought of buying a fur coat, jacket or stole leaves most women with mixed feelings. On one hand is the thrill that furs seem to arouse, and, on the other, the fear of "being taken."

A fur coat usually constitutes a major part of the clothing budget and a wise choice must provide a good compromise of four points: suitability of purpose, style, serviceability and price.

Decide on the price you want to pay and deal only with reputable retailers. A good furrier will stand behind his reputation.

Beware of "bargains". Real bargains are rare, because of the cost of the skins and workmanship.

The Consumers Association of Canada says good quality in a fur is indicated by a smooth, lustrous appearance, uniform color and texture, pliable skins and thick, glossy, long guard hairs. Poor quality can be recognized by any of these characteristics: dull, life-

less color, thin, uneven fur, brittle or split hairs, and stiff, rattling skins.

The fitting is important, the CAC says. There should be enough room through the shoulders and arms so that the garment will not be unduly strained. There should be a generous lap when closed, to prevent straining and spitting when you sit in the garment.

Cuffs, neckline and facings should be well protected by thick guard hairs. The skins should be folded over at the facing edge rather than seamed unless the fur is very bulky. Facings should be at least two inches wide. The lining should be strong enough to support the weight of the coat.

The CAC stresses the importance of cleaning and glazing fur coats regularly. Dirt stiffens and mats the hair and sooner or later it will break instead of cushioning beneath you when you sit down.

When it comes to caring for your coat, remember that the greatest enemies of furs are moths, heat, light, moisture and friction. Coats should be hung on a wide hanger in an uncrowded closet in the coolest part of the house.

If you get caught in the rain and your coat gets soaked, send it to a furrier for proper care. But if it is just damp, hang it up, away from heat to dry. Do not place it on a radiator. Never brush or comb fur when it is wet.

If you have any fur garment problems, Consumers Association of Canada would like to hear of them. Write to CAC, 100 Gloucester Street, Ottawa 4.

SO WOULD WE ALL. Worried about what to give his girl on her birthday, a son asked his mother for help. "Mom," he said, "If you were going to be 16 years old tomorrow what would you want?"

Her heartfelt reply was: "Not another thing!"

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